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## **CAMBRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB NEWSLETTER** **SEPTEMBER 2008**

Your club executive would like to welcome all our former members, and our new members, to a year of fun filled badminton. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or comments to improve our club, you can talk with any of the above executive. Also, any tidbit you would like included in the newsletter please call Janice Hacking 658-2060 or email: j.hacking@rogers.com

Enclosed with this newsletter is a calendar with scheduled nights of play and special events. Please keep this handy and check it closely. We are at the mercy of the school for our gym time. If we have a last minute cancellation, your executive will try to notify you by email, or phone, if possible. Check our website often for updates and cancellations. Adult gym time is Monday and Wednesday only. Fridays is exclusively for the Junior club.

Guests are welcome to our club for a \$5.00 fee per night. **The maximum times a guest may come out without joining is five (5) within one season.** There is a sign-up book in the equipment box. Please have your guest sign the book, and pay the fee to an executive member. We will then write up a name tag for them to use for the night. If they decide to join, any paid guest fees would be deducted from their membership fee.

Congratulations to Gihan & Dharshika S. and Louise Thompson & Kevin Hems who were married this summer. Also a sad goodbye to Avan MacPherson who is moving to Guelph.

### **BADMINTON ETIQUETTE**

Please respect our facility. There is no smoking on school property. No food or drink is allowed in the gym and please remove wet footwear before entering. Any damage by a club member is the club's responsibility. Do not play with any school equipment. Our contract is for the use of the school gym and change rooms, by **adults** only, and the 10 student members accepted. Please leave children at home. Please help to set up and take down the nets each evening so the same people are not doing it all. The combination of the equipment box is ????. Poles are stacked behind the door in the equipment room. Birds are put away in their tubes. When setting up nets, use a simple "s" hook. Do not tie knots. The courts should be cleared by 9:50 PM and the last ones off must put the birds, name board and nets away in the equipment box. Lock the equipment box and put it in the equipment room along with the poles. A big must is the bleachers have to be pushed back as it takes more than one person and the janitor cannot do this alone. Also please make sure gym doors to the outside are closed properly. Proper gym attire is to be worn which includes non-marking sole running shoes and the absence of head wear.

### **MONSIGNOR DOYLE HIGH SCHOOL**

We have attempted to fill cancelled nights at St. Benedict's with nights at Monsignor Doyle High School on Myers Road. There will be a map on the website if you need directions. There are only 6 courts but your executive will try to plan special nights, such as Black Knight to Remember, coaching clinics, round robins etc., so we do not need to use our board system.

### **BOARD SYSTEM**

Members are coded as follows: Red-advanced, Blue-Advanced Intermediate, Green-intermediate, Black-Beginner and Black on White – New Member.

New members are encouraged to obtain a color as soon as possible by arranging a challenge match. You can do this by talking with an executive member. There are many former members that are not color coded to their ability. To make this board system work, we need the co-operation from all members by challenging for their proper color. The executive will be approaching several members to challenge in the very near future.

On club nights, new members are encouraged to ask for assistance when picking a game. Players' coded black may pick from black and green. Greens may pick from black, green and blue. Blues and reds may pick from anyone. All picks must be from the **top ten names** on the board. If you must pick outside your color group please, check with that member first.

**WE DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICAL BOARD CAPTAIN AS YET. YOUR EXECUTIVE IS ASKING ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO GIVE A HAND AT ARRANGING GAMES AND KEEPING THE BOARD FLOWING. IF GAMES ARE PICKED IN ADVANCE FROM THE TOP 10 MEMBERS ON THE LIST, COURTS WILL BE FILLED FASTER AND YOU WILL GET TO PLAY MORE GAMES.**

### **HOUSELEAGUE**

Houseleague will be starting in early October on 3 courts on Wednesday nights. Participants may be restricted due to numbers. So sign up early. Also all members that sign up must be out on club nights before picking teams to be evaluated for calibre.

### **RALLY POINT SCORING**

Rally point scoring will now be used. All games will go to 21 points. If you are unsure how to score, there will be information sheets available.

### **JUNIOR CLUB**

Our program runs Friday nights at St. Benedict's High School on Saginaw Parkway from 7:00 until 10:00 starting **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. The younger group plays from 7:00-8:15 and the older group from 8:15-10:00. New this year, Fridays will be primarily recreational games. Beginning Tuesday **September 9<sup>th</sup>** Andrew Ma will be coaching at Mother Teresa School from 7:00-9:00 for our keen players who are interested in further refining their skills. Numbers will be limited for coaching so please sign up as soon as possible. All players should arrive wearing proper attire for physical activity: shorts and a white t-shirt, as well as non-marking running shoes. **As well, all players must wear regulation eyewear.**

Please keep in mind that our Friday night schedule is still reduced as a result of the School Board booking rules and unfortunately we have yet to find a suitable alternative to lost nights. We have attempted to deal with this by offering a second night of badminton for those players who want and need more playing time. We are still looking for ADULT MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER either on Friday or Tuesday nights to assist Cindy and Andrew. Please email Cindy at [cambridgejr@hotmail.com](mailto:cambridgejr@hotmail.com) should you be interested.

### **ACTIVE CAMBRIDGE - CAMBRIDGE CENTRE**

On Sat & Sun Aug. 23rd and 24th, along with many other sports groups, the Cambridge Badminton Club had a booth at the Cambridge Mall. We had give aways from Black Knight, had our registration forms, booklets and photo albums. Display board and videos on a big screen showing the Black Knight shuttle machine with Mike Beres participating. The mall also had a Try-athon for the kids to go to each sports group and do an activity for prizes. It was a great weekend and great exposure for our club. We hope to get a few new members for our adult and junior clubs.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to the following who worked the booth and helped make this weekend a success. **Ken McWilliam, Dave Robinson, Cindy Briand, Janice Hacking, Ken Tawse, Nathan Lu, Denise Lachine, Ray Campbell, Winston Ho, Hong Chau, Les Payne, Gihan S., Ron Taylor and Angela Bukowski.** Also **Kristopher Webb** for his contribution as well. We could not have done this without you. Thanks again. I hope I have not forgotten anyone.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **NEW MEMBERS NIGHT**

Wed. Oct. 1st is our New Member's Night. This night has been set aside for all **former** and **new members** to enjoy a night of badminton and for the new members to be officially welcomed into our club. We have great prizes to give away, refreshments and arranged games. We will also have Badminton handbooks available for anyone that would like one. Coaching will also be available.

#### **COACHING**

Any member that would like some basic coaching can ask an executive member and we will put aside a court to have someone do some instruction. We will schedule clinics for all calibres of players if there is enough interest.

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

We will keep you informed of up and coming tournaments for any one that is interested.

To play in a sanctioned tournament, you are required to have a Competition Card for the current season. Forms will be available in the equipment box. If you obtain a card, please advise Hong Chau so we do not double up on the insurance costs.

#### **YEAR END BANQUET**

Set aside Saturday April 25, 2009 at Grand Valley Golf Club for our year end dinner and banquet.

#### **BADMINTON SHORTS**

Shoe Tags – Shoe tags will be available on club nights from your executive.

Doors at St. Benedicts will be locked at 7:30 PM. To gain access to the gym, please knock on the gym doors.

Do not leave any valuables in the change rooms. With the library open to the public, anyone has access to these change rooms.

Did you know a bird (shuttle) costs over \$2.00 each. This is very costly for the club. We are trying to keep our costs down

so we do not have to raise fees. If you must take a bird from the equipment box, please leave it on the court when you are finished playing a game so the next group can use it. At the end of the night please return it to the equipment box. We are currently paying \$94.50 per night for the gym rental.

Did you know that the Cambridge Badminton Club donates \$200.00 to the St. Benedicts' Graduation Fund each year? We started this many years ago. It is greatly appreciated by the school and the recipient.

Please save your Zehrs tapes. There will be a box out on club nights to put them in. This is one of the many ways your executive is trying to fundraise.

We would like to run a Euchre tournament again this year to raise funds.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for a fundraiser please talk with an executive member.

**SEE YOU ON THE COURTS!!!!**